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1. (Secret - JMM) Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, called to say Monday, 14 February, was out for the Defense Subcommittee and wondered whether the Director would be available on 15 or 16 February. I said he was committed to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on the 16th, so this was out, and we tried to avoid briefings two days running wherever possible. I asked Woodruff whether the Appropriations briefing could be limited to the morning only, but he said he couldn't promise this. I said I would be back in touch after consulting the Director.

2. (Secret - JMM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to ask who was "policing" the ceiling on expenditures in Laos. I said I thought the State Department, but would confirm this. After consulting with Chuck Briggs, OPPB, I called back to say that the White House had indeed designated the State Department as the responsible agency in this matter.

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3. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Called Representative Barry Goldwater, Jr. (R., Calif.) reminding him of his recent conversation with Colonel White and inviting him to come out for a breakfast at his convenience. He said he would be away until the 16th, but would call us thereafter.

4. (Secret - JMM) After consulting with the Director, confirmed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Director's appearance for a world roundup briefing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 February.

5. (Internal Use Only - JMM) The Director told me of his conversation with Representative Jamie L. Whitten (D., Miss.) when it was agreed that Whitten would visit the Agency for breakfast on Thursday, 10 February. I will call Whitten's office to confirm arrangements to pick him up at 8:10 a.m. on that day.

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6. (Secret - JMM) After consulting the Director, confirmed with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, the Director's appearance before the full Armed Services Committee at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 February.

Slatinshek said that Budget Director Shultz would be meeting with the Nedzi Subcommittee in the near future to discuss the reorganization of the intelligence community, and suggested the Director might want to confer with Shultz regarding their respective briefings on this subject.

Slatinshek also raised the question of a copy of the Director's prepared statement for each member of the Committee. I said we could not provide this. He asked how we had handled the matter with the Senate and I said we were leaving a single copy with Braswell to be retained in his possession for the reference of committee members. Slatinshek said they would like similar arrangements.

7. (Secret - JMM) On the Director's instructions, and after consulting Donald Chamberlain, OSI, I called Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) to explain to him that the Agency was in no position to provide a useful answer on a sensitive question which he had raised with the Director. As an alternative, I told him we would arrange for General Ed Giller, Acting Assistant General Manager for National Security, AEC, who was well up on this matter, to call him. Giller has done so, and reports that the Senator is satisfied.

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10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that Chairman Hebert would appreciate a briefing by the Director for the full Committee on either Monday, the 7th, Tuesday, the 8th, or Wednesday, the 9th of February. The briefing would be the annual worldwide roundup. The briefing would be a morning session for 10:00 a.m. The Director has been advised.

25X1 11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me he thought that the letter from Chairman Mahon to Chairman Dulski, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, had gone forward. I thanked Mr. Preston and told him I would check the Post Office and Civil Service Committee to see if it had been received. He told me that he had received the information he had requested on the Radios from Mr. James Frey, of OMB, and stated that this is all that he needs from us at the present time. Mr. Preston told me he would like to schedule for himself and Mr. Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, to visit Headquarters as soon as the budget book is ready. Once that session is behind us we can then start looking to a date for the Agency budget presentation before the Special Subcommittee. Mr. Preston told me also that he has received a question from one of the sensitive DOD components concerning possible date for that organization's appearance before the Special Subcommittee and asked that I relay this item to [] I reviewed with Mr. Preston the administrative arrangements for tomorrow's briefing. In part Mr. Preston told me that an invitation has not been extended to the Military Construction Subcommittee for attendance at tomorrow's briefing and that the Chairman has not yet appointed a replacement for Representative Andrews.

12. (Unclassified - LLM) Spoke with [] General Counsel, National Security Agency, and he said that they had not received requests for views from either Office of Management and Budget or Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, on H. R. 9853, which establishes a Commission on the Classification and Protection of Information. [] understanding of the background of the bill confirms what we have learned.

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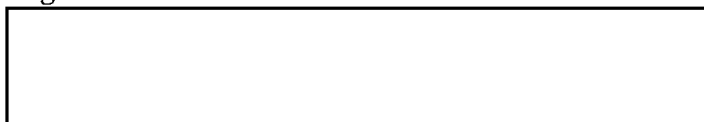
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14. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Discussed with Mr. Paul Tsompanas, Administrative Assistant to Representative Bob Wilson (R., Calif.), our blind memorandum concerning the Phoenix program to assist in preparing a reply to a letter from a constituent reacting to the article in Parade. Mr. Tsompanas clearly understood the problem and will use the blind memorandum for background information only in preparing this and similar replies.

During our discussion, Mr. Tsompanas mentioned that he was a member of an informal group of other administrative assistants to 15 Republican Representatives. They have periodic meetings and have been receiving briefings from officials of various departments and agencies. He thought it would be very beneficial if a senior official of the Agency could brief his group on the role of the Agency. This would give them a better understanding in handling matters involving the Agency. I advised him that I was quite sure this could be arranged and I would let him know.

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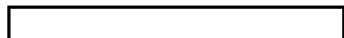
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